Lesson 3

Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome! (10 pts.)

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want” or search for “Please,” etc.**

**Then,** **download the PDF file to read to complete this worksheet below for homework. Copy and paste the worksheet onto a new Word document, and complete the questions. When finished with your worksheet, save it as “PleaseLastname” and save it to your flash drive. Upload it to the Wiki.**

**Finally, you need to complete the Audio recording file in class. See your Audio Recording File Instruction sheet for information as to how to record and upload an audio file.**

**So let’s get to the worksheet! Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload both your worksheet and your audio file to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

Qǐng is how to say please.

1. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

* Zhege qing means “this please”.
* Geng duo xinxi, qing means “more please”.

1. **Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)**

The word “please” can be used at many places, including stores, restaurants, homes and school etc.

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”) ↓***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.”**

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1. **What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?**

Xiè xie is the most common way to say thank you in china.

1. **Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:**

* When you receive goods
* When someone holds the door open for you
* When you’re in a store and you receive you items

1. A**re there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?**

Wǒ fēicháng gǎnxiè means im very thankful. You use this when something very generous happens to you.

1. **How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)?**

Saying Fēicháng gǎnxiè nín which means thank you very much is common.

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!”**

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1. **Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?**

Nín de huānyíng

1. **Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?**

No.

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

Wǒ hěn gāoxìng (my pleasure)

Méiyǒu wèntí de (no problem)

***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name).***